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Ministry of Power

EFFICIENCY LABELS TO SAVE ENERGY

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The Ministry of Power will soon be requiring appliances such as refrigerators and air-conditioners to mandatorily display the BEE energy efficiency label. "These labels would help consumers to find out the electricity usage of an appliance", said Shri Anil Razdan, Secretary, Ministry of Power while delivering the 1st BEE Foundation Day Lecture. He added that these labels would help achieving market transformation towards more energy efficient appliances which would result in savings for consumers, as well as lower load demand for utilities.

Shri Razdan also highlighted that the Government would shortly be notifying nine industries as 'designated consumers' under the Energy Conservation Act. These industries would need to compulsorily report their energy usage, carry out energy audits and report the energy efficiency measures undertaken by them. The BEE has been carrying out national examinations to certify energy auditors and energy managers who can support the designated consumers in their mandatory reporting requirements.

It was noted that greater public awareness and outreach is essential for carrying the message of energy efficiency, as well as "energy modesty" through which consumers not only use energy efficient appliances ;but also minimize non-essential energy use. Such an approach would save consumers large amounts on their electricity bills, and also reduce the chances of blackouts and brownouts. Shri Razdan stressed that BEE also needs to support the efforts of the Government towards enhancing energy supply and energy efficiency in the use of electricity in the agricultural sector called for innovative business models to make this happen.

The BEE felicitated all its former heads and its employees who have put in more than ten years of distinguished service.

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